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## Pascagoula home is rich in history

By REGINA HINES

West Jackson County Bureau Chief

Four years of research, planning and hard work has restored the home the late W.D. Hughes built on South Pascagoula Street to its turn-of-the-century elegance.

The three-story Queen Anne structure, which stands as a reminder of an era in the city's prosperity, may soon be named to the National Register of Historic Places. Thirty sites in Pascagoula already have this designation.

The Hughes house, renovated by its present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Harris Barrett, was nominated in mid-September to the National Register by the Historic Preservation Professional Review Board of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The recommendation was forwarded for consideration to Washington, D.C., Pascagoula Community Development Coordinator Betty Bensey said.

Prominent over the years in Pascagoula's social history, the stately house at 2425 Pascagoula St. has been home to a merchant, a minister, a pecan propagator and for the second time in its 95-history, to a physician, the Barretts learned.

The couple bought the house in 1988. During the next four years, Barrett gutted and stripped the house to its original features and spent hours learning about the history of the house and about construction of the late 1900s.

"I went to the library and dug, and dug and dug," Barrett said.

Some of the tales he had heard about the house were dispelled and the real story of the house slowly began to unfold as he searched old newspapers, business and county histories and county records.

Hughes, a 49-year-old Louisville, Ky., native, moved to Pascagoula in 1899, where he and Capt. L.D. Herrick formed a partnership, Hughes & Herrick. The business supplied millworkers and fishermen and employed two warehouses in addition to the main store.

Hughes' first two years in Pascagoula were eventful. He started the construction of his house, then in 1900, married a local woman Susan Foster. His



Staff Photo/Regina Hines

Queen Anne style home of the late W.D. Hughes

bride's roots were entrenched in the east Jackson County area. Her father was John Foster of Pascagoula and her mother was Olivia Delmas, the daughter of John Baptiste Delmas, whose ancestors numbered were the Grants and Krebses.

About the same time Hughes was building his house, his partner, Herrick, was having a similar one built next door at the corner of Herrick and Pascagoula Streets. Claude C. Dupont, grandson of the man who built both the houses, Isadore Boniface Dupont, had heard about the projects in his childhood by his father, Claude Farragut Dupont.

"My daddy told me about it long ago. He had a little granite bucket, a quart and one-half pail. He told me, 'see this little bucket. My Mama put Daddy's lunch in it when he was building those two houses,'" Claude Dupont said.

A story he recalls is that his grandfather had a problem fitting the spiral staircase into the hall of the Hughes house. The Barretts noticed that the staircase appears to have been one that was from another structure and added to the house, rather than built for the house.

Hughes sold the house in

1901 to the Rev. L.E. Hall and moved elsewhere in Pascagoula, continuing his drygoods business. His wife died in 1919 and he eventually retired to Shreveport, La., to live with his son, William Foster Hughes. He died in 1932.

Hall, a native of Sumter County, Ala., was the ninth pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula. For five years he preached in Pascagoula on the second and fourth Sundays and in Ocean Springs on the first and third.

In 1907, Hall sold the house to Henry Herring, who had come to Pascagoula from Beaumont, Texas. Herring, who started a grove of citrus and pecan trees around the house, was president of the People's Bank and later operated a hardware business. After the death of Herring and his wife, the property on Pascagoula Street was sold to Mrs. Herring's brother-in-law, L.A. Cowan, a wealthy Mobile lumberman.

The next owner, from 1917 to 1942 was Claude Delmas, the first cousin of Susan Foster Hughes. Delmas' father, A.G. Delmas, and his uncle, Irving P. Delmas, developed the Delmas pecan and later the variety called Schley, which won a

bronze medal at the Paris Exposition in 1900 and a Silver Medal at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

Today there are still six pecan trees on the property which show signs of grafting, dating back to the days of pecan propagation in Pascagoula.

Claude Delmas continued the pecan business after his father's death and also was associated with People's Bank, barge construction and real estate before he died in 1959.

Between 1937 and 1942, Dr. Weatherford rented the house. Delmas then sold it to Eddie Lee Brantley, a pharmacist, who died in 1970. Charles E. Bardsley bought the house from Brantley's widow and owned it until the sale to the Barretts, 16 years later.

"My wife found this house and liked it," Barrett said. He saw the potential in the large, sturdily-built house and the spacious lot. The Barretts and their two children, Guy, 8, and Claire, 6, had been living in a contemporary home in Pascagoula.

"It's like being out in the country, right in town," Mrs. Barrett said, "I don't get enough time to spend enjoying it."

Builders Mike Martin and

John Douglas of Gautier completed the renovation in six months, enabling the family to move in on July 4, 1992. Mrs. Barrett said detailed planning before construction made the work go faster.

Biloxi architect Mike LeBatard designed the renovation using care to preserve the authentic features. The old mantles, many of the original light fixtures and other antique pieces that were found in the house were installed. Since the fireplaces were coal-burning, Barrett found artificial coal inserts to retain the original feeling of the era.

In his interior work, Barrett found the original pocket doors concealed in the archways of the living room in the front of the house and had them refurbished for use again.

The first floor consists of a wide hall, the living room to the left with an adjoining dining room, a kitchen that was modernized during the construction. Added to the back was a breakfast room and deck. Across the hall from the kitchen area is a laundry room and bath.

Bedrooms for the Barrett children on the second floor, open out to the second floor porches. The south side porch, accessible from the boy's room and a large guest bedroom, is a small solarium. Behind the fireplace in the guest room is a den with a brass antique ceiling fan. Two bathrooms can be accessed on the second floor from the hall.

The third floor is the master suite, which includes bedroom, a walk-in closet area behind a curved wall at the foot of the bed, a sitting area and large bath.

In the description of the house for the National Register nomination, the house is described as only one of the two elaborate Queen Anne style homes that survive in the city.

"The architectural style was quite prevalent in Pascagoula during its development as a major town," the statement of significance says.

"During this period the railroad, lumber, seafood, shipbuilding and port activities dominated the local economy, making possible the wealth to build such a prestigious house."



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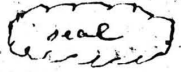
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Last Will  
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Testament  
of  
John Graham  
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For the name of good, honest, and  
of the country of Jackson, and State of Mississippi  
being of sound mind and memory, and considering the  
character of this State, and considering life, do therefore  
make, ordain, publish, declare, that to be my last  
will and testament, I do hereby give and bequeath  
the hands of, thoroughly good, honest, and believing in  
the resurrection of my soul, by the power and mediation  
of Jesus Christ, and my body of soul to the earth to  
be buried at the discretion of my executor herein after  
named, that my worldly estate I give and devise as follows  
I do all my real and personal estate, give and bequeath  
to my beloved Brother, for his use and benefit  
and to the use of an estate which I have during  
my natural life, and my will is after the decease of  
my beloved Brother, that all my property real or  
personal shall be disposed of by my executor to the  
best advantage, and equally divided among the  
Widows of my deceased Brothers, Jacob and William  
William, with the exception of eighty acres of land  
I have and bequeath to my beloved Brother Jacob  
I do hereby give and bequeath to the North East  
Quarter of Section 8, eight Township 5 five, Range 5  
Also the South East Quarter of the North East Township  
of Sec 8 eight Township 5 five, Range 5 five, containing  
Eighty Acres the said land lying in Jackson County  
State of Mississippi. I do appoint John Hughes  
and named by John Hughes Executors to this my last  
will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my Seal this First day of November in the  
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Sixty One

John Graham 

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said  
Testator, as and for his last will and Testament in  
presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence  
have hereunto set our names as witnesses thereto

Noah Carter

J. P. Ward

Seburn Carter



The State of Mississippi, Chancery Court  
Jackson County. 3 July Term 1872.

In the matter of the Estate  
of John Graham.

To the Honorable W. L.  
Hannum Chancellor of the State of the  
~~good~~ day of death of the State of Mississippi.

The petition of John Hughes executor of the  
last will & testament of John Graham late of  
said County deceased as faithfully shows that  
said decedent died leaving no debts of any con-  
siderable amount due by him & having some  
two or three head of horses and about 40 head  
of stock cattle, about 25 head of sheep and  
about 30  
few stock hogs, besides some other personal prop-  
erty and that there are no debts  
of any considerable amount due to the Estate and  
no money on hand and that it will be necessary  
to sell the horses and the other personal property  
to pay funeral expenses, physicians bills, and  
cost of administration, and he further shows  
that the stock consisting of cattle, a hup & hogs  
are ready for distribution and he therefore prays  
that the said horses and other personal property  
except the cattle sheep & hogs may be sold &  
that the said cattle sheep & hogs may be divided  
among the next of kin as they may see fit  
that to the last will & testament of said decedent  
that said decedent died without leaving any widow  
or children and that the last known mother has  
long since been deceased that Joseph Graham  
died without leaving any children & that the chil-  
dren of William Graham are William C. Graham



Susan Fagan, Margaret Perry & ~~Temperance~~  
~~Edwards~~<sup>with</sup> are the sole distributors under the  
said will and he therefore prays that com.  
Magistrates may be appointed to make distribu-  
tion thereof according to law & the terms of  
said will  
John Hughes

Sworn to & subscribed before me July 29<sup>th</sup> 1875

L. B. Allen Secy